

Anno Regni
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REGIS & REGINÆ

Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,

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At the Parliament begun at *Westminster* the Twentieth Day of *March*, Anno Dom. 1689. In the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady, *WILLIAM* and *MART*, by the Grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France* and *Ireland*, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, &c.

And from thence Continued by several Prorogations and Adjournments to the Two and twentieth Day of *October*, 1691. being the Third Session of this present Parliament.



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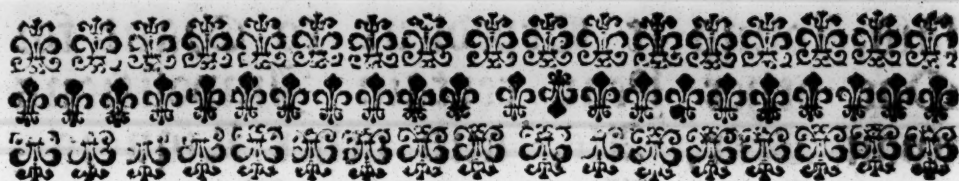
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An ACT for Granting to Their
Majesties certain Impositions
upon Beer, Ale, and other Li-
quors, for One Year.

Most Gracious Sovereigns,



E Your Majesties
most Dutiful and
Loyal Subjects the
Commons in Par-
liament Assembled,
having entred into a
serious Considerati-
on of the Extraordi-
nary Expences in
which Your Majesties are Engaged for
the necessary Defence of Your Realms,
and for the Effectual carrying on the War
against France, and being desirous to raise
Aids and Supplies proportionable to the
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Wards the Ends and Purposes aforesaid, found it Expedient to Grant for One other Year certain Impositions upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors; And have Unanimously Given and Granted, and do hereby Give and Grant unto Your Majesties the severall Additional Rates, Duties, and Charges upon Beer, Ale, and other Liquors herein after Expressed, and do most humbly beseech Your Majesties that it may be Enacted:

And be it Enacted by the King and Queens most Excellent Majesties, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by Authority of the same, That from and after the Seventeenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord, One thousand six hundred and ninety one, there shall be throughout this Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, Raised, Levied, Collected, and Paid unto Their Majesties, and Their Successors, during the Space and Term of One Year, commencing from the Seventeenth Day of November aforesaid, and no longer, for Beer, Ale, Cyder, and other Liquors, Brewed, Made, Imported, or Sold, by Way of Excise, over and above all other Duties, Charges and Impositions by any former Act or Acts Set and Imposed,

sed, the several Duties, Charges and Impositions herein after mentioned, and in manner and form following, that is to say :

For every Barrel of Beer or Ale above Six Shillings the Barrel, which from and after the said Seventeenth Day of November, and before the Five and twentieth day of July, One thousand six hundred and ninety two, shall be Brewed by the Common Brewer, or any other Person who doth or shall Sell, or Tap out Beer, or Ale Publickly, or Privately, or at Fairs, Wakes, Chutes, By-drinkings, or otherwise, to be paid by the Common Brewer, or such other Person or Persons respectively, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity, One Shilling Nine pence.

And for every Barrel of such Beer or Ale Brewed on or after the said Five and twentieth Day of July, and before the Eighteenth Day of November, One thousand six hundred and ninety two, Two Shillings Six pence.

For every Barrel of Beer, or Ale of Six Shillings the Barrel or under, which from and after the said Seventeenth day of November, and before the Five and twentieth day of July, One thousand six hundred and ninety two, shall be Brewed by the Common Brewer, or any other Person or Persons who doth or shall Sell, or Tap out Beer or Ale,

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Publickly or Privately, to be Paid by the said Common Brewer, or by such other Person or Persons respectively, as aforesaid, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity, Three pence.

And for every Barrel of such Beere or Ale Brewed on, or after the said Four and twentieth day of July, and before the said Eighteenth day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety two, Six pence.

And for every Barrel of Vinegar, or Vinegar-Beere Brewed, or Made, on, or after the said Five and twentieth day of July, and before the said Eighteenth day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety two, of any English Materials, by any Common Brewer, or Vinegar Maker, or other Persons for Sale, to be Paid by the Maker thereof, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity, One shilling.

For every Barrel of Beere, Ale or Munt Imported, After the said Seventeenth day of November, and before the said Five and twentieth day of July, from beyond the Seas, or from the Islands of Guernsey or Jersey, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity, to be Paid by the Importers, before Landing, Three shillings.

And for every Barrel of such Beere, Ale or Munt, Imported on, or after the said Five and twentieth day of July, and before

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fore the said Eighteenth day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety two, Six shillings.

For every Tun of Cyder, or Perry Imported on, or after the said five and twentieth day of July, and before the said Eighteenth day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety two, from beyond the Seas, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity, to be Paid by the Importer, before Landing, Ten shillings.

For every Hogshead of Cyder, and Perry, Made and Sold by Retail, after the said Seventeenth day of November, and before the said five and twentieth day of July, One thousand six hundred and ninety two, to be Paid by the Retailer thereof, One shilling Three pence, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Measure.

And for every Hogshead of Cyder and Perry, Made and Sold, as aforesaid, on or after the said five and twentieth day of July, One thousand six hundred ninety and two, and before the said Eighteenth day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety and two, Two shillings Six pence, and so proportionably for any greater or lesser Measure.

For all Metheglin, or Mead made for Sale, whether by Retail or otherwise, on or after the said five and twentieth day of July, and before the said Eight-

Eighteenth day of November, One thousand six hundred ninety and two, to be Paid by the Maker for every Gallon, One penny.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Rates and Duties of Excise hereby Imposed on the Liquors aforesaid, shall be Raised, Levied, Collected, Recovered and Paid unto Their Majesties, and Their Successors, during the term before mentioned, and in the same Manner and Form, and by such Rules, Deductions, Allowances, Ways and Means, and under such Penalties and Forfeitures as are mentioned, Expressed and Directed in and by one Act of Parliament made in the Twelfth Year of the late King Charles the Second, Entituled, A Grant of certain Impositions upon Beer, Ale and other Liquors for the Increase of His Majesties Revenue, during His Life; And one other Act made in the said Twelfth year of the Reign of the said late Kings Charles the Second, Entituled, An Act for Taking away the Court of Wards, and Liveries, and Tenures *in Capite*, and by Knight Service, and Purveyance, and for Settling a Revenue upon His Majesty in lieu thereof; And also in and by one other Act of Parliament made in the Fifteenth year of His said late Majesties Reign, Entituled, An Additional Act for the better Ordering and Collecting the Duty of Excise, and preventing the

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Abuses therein; or in one Act of Parliament made in the first year of the Reign of Their present Majesties, Entituled, An Act for an Additional Duty of Excise upon Beer, Ale and other Liquors, or by any Law now in Force, Relating to the Revenue of Excise.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons who do or shall usually Entertain, or Lodge any Waggoners, Carriers, Strangers or Wayfaring Men, shall be taken and esteemed Retailers, within the meaning of this Act.

And that Their Majesties may not be prevented of the Duties hereby Granted by any Frauds or Practices to lessen the same, Be it further Enacted, That no Person or Persons (Except Victuallers, Retailers, and Common Brewers) Inhabiting in any Market Town, or in any City, or Suburbs of the same, or in any Town Corporate, or in parts Adjoyning to any City, or Suburbs, Town Corporate, or Market Town, where there is or shall be a Common Brewer or Brewers, Brewing, Making or Selling Strong Beer or Ale, and Small Beer, who within the space of One year next before the Seventeenth of November, in the Year One thousand six hundred and ninety, did not Brew, or Make the Strong Beer, Small Beer, or Ale, Drunk, Consumed, Spent or Sold in
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his or their respective houses, Out-houses, or other places, shall not during the Term aforesaid, Brew or Make any Strong Beer, Strong Ale, Small Beer, or Ale, to be Drunk, Consumed or Spent in his or their respective houses, or Families, under pain to forfeit for every such Offence, Twenty pounds.

Provided, That in case any Person within the space of a year before the said Seventeenth Day of November, One thousand six hundred and ninety, did usually Brew the Strong Beer, Small Beer and Ale, Drunk and Spent in the house or houses where he and his Family have Inhabited, for the use of himself and his Family, and shall remove his Family to any other house, It shall and may be Lawful to and for such Person to Brew his own Ale or Beer, as he did before, and not be liable to the said Penalty.

And be it further Enacted, That it shall and may be Lawful to and for the Commissioners of Excise, and Justices of Peace respectively, upon any Information exhibited before them, for any Offence committed against the Laws of Excise, to Summon any Person or Persons (other then the Party or Parties Accused) to Appear before them at a certain day, time and place, to be inserted in such Summons, and to give Evidence for Discovery of the matter in

Controverſie before them, and in caſe of Neglect, or Refuſal to Appear, or if upon Apperance ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall reſuſe to give Evidence when he ſhall be thereunto required; Every ſuch Perſon ſo making Default ſhall Forfeit and Loſe for every ſuch Offence any Sum or Sums of Money, not exceeding Forty ſhillings, to be Impoſed, Recovered, Levied and Diſpoſed in manner as herein after is mentioned.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That all Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures by this Act Impoſed, ſhall be Sued for, Recovered and Levied by ſuch Ways, Means, and Methods, as any other Fine, Penalty or Forfeiture is, or may be Recovered by any Law or Laws of Excise, or by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information in any of Their Maſeſties Courts of Record at Weſtminſter; And that one Moiety of ſuch Forfeiture or Penalty ſhall be to Their Maſeſties, Their heirs, and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to him, or them that ſhall Discover, Inform or Sue for the ſame.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That upon any Perſon or Perſons Exporting any ſort of Strong Beer, Strong Ale, Cyder or Gum, according to the true intent and meaning, and purſuant to the Directions of an Act made in the firſt Year of Their

Their Majesties Reign, Entituled, An Act for the Exportation of Beer, Ale, Cyder and Mum, The Commissioners and Officers of Excise, where the Entry thereof shall be made, are required to make Allowance, or Repay, as well the Additional Duty of Excise by this Act Imposed upon all such Beer, Ale, Cyder and Mum, as the Duty in the said Act mentioned unto the Brewer, or Maker thereof within One Month after such Exportation, deducting the Three pence per Tun for the Charges of their Officers, by the said before mentioned Act directed to be deducted.

**And to the end Their Majesties may be duly answered the Rates and Duties hereby Granted, and intended in the Proportions designed, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Brewer, or Victualler who doth, or shall Sell, and Deliver Beer, or Ale to any of their Customers in Cask, do or shall without giving Notice to the Supervisor, or Gauger Appointed for the Place and Division where such Brewer, or Victualler doth, or shall Inhabit, Cleanse, Carry off, or convey away any part of his or their Guile of Beer, or Ale, before the whole of such Guile shall be Brewed off, and be in the Tuns, Backs, or Coolers, and until such Officers shall or might have taken an Account of the same, and of the distinct Qualities thereof in their
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respective Vessels ; At which time the Brewer, or Victualler, or his, or their Servants working the same, in case he, or they intend to make a party Guile thereof, shall declare to such Gauger, or Officer, how much thereof he intends to make into Strong Beer, or Strong Ale, and how much into Small, upon Penalty of Forfeiting Twenty Shillings for every Barrel of Beer, Ale, or Morts, he shall so Cleanse, Carry off, or Convey away, over and above the Penalties already Imposed for Conveying away, or Concealing Beer, or Ale ; And in case such Brewer, or Victualler, or their respective Servants, Brewing such Beer, or Ale shall refuse to Declare to such Officers how much of their Guile, or Brewing they intend to make into Strong Beer, or Ale, and how much into Small, It shall be Lawful for such Officer to Return and Charge the whole of such Guile to be Strong, and such Brewer, or Victualler shall pay the Duties thereof accordingly ; And in case after such Gauge taken, or Declaration made, such Brewer, or Victualler shall make any Increase
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of the Strong Drink so Gauged, or Declared by any ways or means whatsoever, such Increase shall be Deemed and Taken to be, and proceed from mixing Small Beer with such Strong Beer, or Ale, and such Brewer, or Victualler shall Forfeit Twenty Shillings for every Barrel so Increased over and above the Penalties already Imposed for mixing Small Beer with Strong, and so proportionably; And further, that if any Brewer, Victualler, or Retailer shall out of the Brew-house, or Place of Brewing, Start or Mix any Small Beer, or Small Worts with or amongst Strong Beer, Strong Ale, or Strong Worts in Cask, such Brewer, Victualler, or Retailer, so doing shall Forfeit and Lose for every such Offence Twenty Shillings.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That the Duty of Excise Granted by this Act shall be Charged on, and Paid by the Common Brewer, and not by the Retailer, or Spender, save only where the Retailer Brews for Retailing in his

his own house or houses, and doth not Buy his Drink of any Common Brewer; Any thing in this Act, or any other Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act, or any Clause, or proviso therein contained shall not Continue, or be of Force longer then for the said Term of One year, Commencing from the said Seventeenth day of November, One thousand six hundred and ninety one, other then for the Levying and Collecting the Arrears of the Rates, and Duties, Granted by this Act, which shall be Unpaid at the end of the said Term; And for the Levying such Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties Imposed by virtue of this Act, as shall not be Levied, and Paid before the end of the said Term.

And forasmuch as the Collectors, Supervisors, Gaugers, and other Officers of the said Excise, and Officers concerned therein by reason of the Greatness of the said Duty,

Duty, and the extraordinary Powers they have given them, in Charging or Raising the same, being resident in most Parts of the Kingdom Where Elections of Members to serve in Parliament are made, have very frequently, either by Threats or Promises so prevailed upon several Electors, that they have absolutely been Debarred of the freedom of giving their Votes, which according to the known Constitutions of this Kingdom every Person ought to have, and Enjoy, when he is to Choose his Representative: For remedy of which Mischief, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Second Day of February, One thousand six hundred ninety one, every Collector, Supervisor, Gauger, or other Officer concerned in the Charging, Collecting, or Managing the said Duty of Excise, that shall either by Letter, or Message, or Word of Mouth, endeavour to perswade any Elector to give, or dissuade any Elector from giving his Vote for any Person, or Persons that shall be put in Nomination to be Elected a

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ment, shall for so doing forfeit the
Sum of One hundred Pounds,
one Moiety thereof to the Infor-
mer, and the other Moiety to the
Poor of the Parish; where such
Offence shall be committed, to be
Recovered in any of Their Maje-
sties Courts of Record, by Action
of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or In-
formation, wherein no Wager of
Law, Protection, or Essoign, or
more then One Imparllance shall
be Allowed: And further, That
every Person or Persons that shall
be Convicted in any such Action,
Bill, Plaint, or Information, of
the said Offence, shall immediate-
ly from and after such Convicti-
on be Disabled, and Incapable of
ever after Executing any Office or
Place concerning the said Duty of
Excise.

And it is hereby Declared and
Enacted, That true Notes in Wri-
ting of the last Gauges Made or
Taken by the said Gaugers, shall
be left by them with all Brew-
ers, Makers, or Retailers of Beer,
Ale, or other Exciseable Liquors

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respectively, or some of their Ser-
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king the said Gauges, contain-
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nalty of Forty Shillings for e-
very Offence, or Neglect of the said
Gauger or Gaugers.

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